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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-662)

PATENT

In re Application of: Handfield et al.)

Serial No.: 09/995,493)

Before the Examiner: P. Baskar

Filed: November 28, 2001)

Group Art Unit: 1645

For: Identification of Actinobacillus)
Actinomycetemcomitans Antigens)
For Use in the Diagnosis,)
Treatment, and Monitoring)
of Periodontal Diseases)

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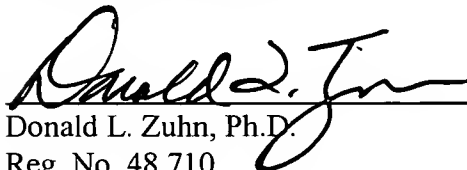
Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application: Response to Restriction Requirement, Petition for Four-Month Extension of Time, and return postcard.
2. A check in the amount of \$725.00 for an extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(4), is attached.
3. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES: Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on April 25, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
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